Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. ***(Currently Amended)*** A structural element for the realization of three-dimensional constructions, said element comprising a generally planar tripod-shaped body, with three equidistant arms whose free ends are adapted to be deviated angularly at a same side relative to the general plane of the tripod body to connect with free ends of arms of similar tripod bodies in such a way as to form an approximately spherical grid structure[[,]]; and

wherein said free ends are articulated in hinge fashion to said arms for said angular deviation.

2. ***(Original)*** Structural element as claimed in claim 1, wherein said approximately spherical grid structure is generated by the union of eight of said structural elements.

3. ***(Original)*** Structural element as claimed in claim 1 wherein said free ends of the arms are elastically deformable for said angular deviation.

4. ***Canceled.***

5. ***(Original)*** Structural element as claimed in claim 3 wherein each of said free ends is connected to the respective arm through a narrowed section.

6. ***(Currently Amended)*** Structural element as claimed in claim 5, wherein said narrowed section ~~consistes~~ consists of a flexible hinge.

7. ***(Original)*** Structural element as claimed in claim 1 wherein said free ends of said three arms of the tripod body have formation for mutual rapid coupling with the free ends of the arms of similar tripod bodies.

8. ***(Original)*** Structural element as claimed in claim 7, wherein said mutual coupling formations are of the set-in type.

9. ***(Original)*** Structural element as claimed in claim 7, wherein said mutual coupling formations are of the snap-in type.

10. ***(Original)*** Structural element as claimed in claim 8 wherein said mutual coupling formations include male and female engagement members.

11. ***(Currently Amended)*** Structural element as claimed in claim 10, wherein said male engagement members include a pair of contiguous hook-like projections and said female engagement members include an opening which can be engaged by said hook-like projections.

12. ***(Currently Amended)*** ~~Structural element as claimed in claim 1~~ A structural element for the realization of three-dimensional constructions, said element comprising a generally planar tripod-shaped body, with three equidistant arms whose free ends are adapted to be deviated angularly at a same side relative to the general plane of the tripod body to connect with free ends of arms of similar tripod bodies in such a way as to form an approximately spherical grid structure; and

wherein said tripod-shaped body has a slightly convex configuration.

13. ***(Original)*** Structural element as claimed in claim 1 wherein said element is made of a moulded thermoplastic or thermosetting material, or of an elastomeric material, or of a high strength composite material, or of a metallic material.

14. ***(Currently Amended)*** ~~Grid~~ A grid structure comprising:

eight tripod structural elements, ~~as claimed inclaim 1,~~ each of said tripod elements comprising:

a structural element for the realization of three-dimensional constructions, said element comprising a generally planar tripod-shaped body, with three equidistant arms whose free ends are adapted to be deviated angularly at a same side relative to the general plane of the tripod body to

connect with free ends of arms of similar tripod bodies in such a way as to form an approximately spherical grid structure; and

the free ends of ~~whose~~ said arms ~~are~~ deviated angularly and ~~are~~ mutually joined in such a way as to define a body of an approximately spherical shape with twelve nodal points defined by the union of said free ends.

15. ***(Currently Amended)*** Grid structure as claimed in claim ~~13~~14, further comprising mutual junction elements for the union of said grid structure with identical grid structures to obtain complex three-dimensional constructions.

16. ***(Original)*** A three-dimensional construction game comprising a plurality of structural elements for the construction of a grid structure comprising eight tripod structural elements as claimed in claim 1, the free ends of whose arms are deviated angularly and are mutually joined in such a way as to define a body of approximately spherical shape with twelve nodal points defined by the union of said free ends.